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Subject: Re: Notice of upcoming workshop on evaluating consistency in epidemiologic data
Date: 09/14/2010 10:50 AM
Attachments: [Workshop Agenda final.doc](#)
[EpiConsistency_Final_9-10-10.doc](#)
[Appendix Final 090810.pdf](#)
[Epidemiology Data Consistency Evaluation Workshop Participant Invitees.doc](#)

Further information on the Epidemiology workshop to be hosted by Johns Hopkins on Sept. 23-24 is now available. Please see the email from Ron White below.

The participant list is attached along with the agenda and the background document.



A limited number of observers from NCEA will attend the workshop and NCEA will be represented by myself and Dr. Glinda Cooper.

I have already forwarded to the organizers the following names of NCEA epidemiologists and other scientists who have expressed strong interest in attending the workshop.

Michael Wright
Molini Patel
Ellen Kिरrane
Patricia Murphy
Barbara Glenn
Cheryl Scott
Jennifer Jinot
Karen Hogan

If your name is included above, please send me an email confirming your interest.

If there are others who would like to be observers, please let me know. This will be a small workshop and space is limited.

Thanks for your interest,
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Dear Workshop Participants:

Attached please find the following materials related to the September 23-24, 2010 State of the Science Workshop: Evaluation of Epidemiological Data Consistency For Application In Regulatory Risk Assessment: 1) background information document and appendix material; 2) workshop agenda; 3) travel information form; 4) travel expense form; and 5) W-9 form.

Please note that the background information material has been developed to stimulate and inform the workshop discussions through examples and materials that illustrate the issues that will be the focus of workshop discussions. The intent is not to engage in a review or critique of the specific study methodology or data quality, nor the study's findings or interpretation of the results as applied to regulatory policy. Please bring a copy of the background information document with you to refer to during the workshop. To reduce paper waste, we are supplying the workshop background materials in electronic form. If you would like us to provide you with a hard copy print version of the document and appendix, please let me know. Also, as noted in the background information document, we can provide you with a copy of the full papers discussed in the case study examples. While we hope you will review this material in advance of the workshop, we are not requesting your response to this material in advance of the workshop.

Sleeping room reservations at the Conference Center have been made for those indicating they require a room based on the information previously provided to us on the travel information form sent to you earlier this summer. If you have not already returned the form to us, please do so immediately as there are a limited number of rooms available. For those arriving on September 22, please be aware that there is no on-site dinner facility available at the Mt. Washington Conference Center. Several restaurants are available in Mt. Washington Village, which is a short walk from the Conference Center, or take out/delivery menus are available from the Front Desk.

For those requiring reimbursement of travel expenses associated with the workshop, I have attached a travel reimbursement form for your use as well as a W-9 form for U.S. citizens which we require to be able to provide reimbursement.

If you have any questions regarding the workshop content or logistics, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you at the Workshop.

Regards,

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This is an update for the NCEA epidemiologists (and other interested folks) on the status of a workshop that has been in the works for some time.

A contract has been awarded to Johns Hopkins University to create a report entitled "*State-of-the-Science: Evaluating Consistency in Epidemiological Data: Issues and Approaches*". The *State-of-the-Science* report will summarize the state-of-the-science for evaluating the consistency of observed epidemiologic evidence of causal associations, articulate lessons learned from past risk assessment experiences, raise important issues, and foster discussion in the broad risk assessment community. In particular, the report will seek to foster discussion across sectors of the risk assessment community and stakeholders that currently have limited interaction, e.g. academia, industry, government, and the public interest sectors.

In advance of creating this report, John Hopkins will have a workshop on "Assessing Consistency in Epidemiologic Data for Environmental Health Risk Assessment."

The Workshop chairs will be Jonathan Samet and Thomas Burke and

the Workshop will be held in the Baltimore area at the Mt. Washington Conference Center on September 23-24, 2010 beginning at 12:00 on the first day and ending by 5:00 PM on the second day.

The agenda and the participant list are in the process of being finalized and I will send those out when they have been completed.

Observers from NCEA are encouraged to attend and registration of observers will be on a first come, first serve, basis. However, the workshop will not provide travel funds for NCEA participants or observers and arrangements for attendance should be through your division.

I will provide updated information as it becomes available.

Thanks for your interest,

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